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Mr. Kris Balaji, Chief
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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

Subject: Administrative Amendment No. 8.0 – 2002 Federal Transportation Improvement (FTIP) Program – *Purchase (4) 35-Passenger Buses for UC Merced Service*

Mr. Aljabiry,

On May 15, 2003, the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) Governing Board approved the addition of \$52,410 in unreserved Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to the Merced County Transit purchase of (4) 35 – passenger buses. The additional funds are needed as Gillig Corporation has increased the price per bus by \$14,800. The price increase is the result of electronic engine enhancements and the addition of particulate matter exhaust traps as required by the California Air Resources Board Public Transit Fleet Rule of 2001.

This project funding change meets the criteria for changes that may be processed administratively: a new project has not been added; air conformity has not been affected; the timely implementation of Transportation Control Measures (TCM) has not been adversely affected; financial constraints have not been impacted, and major scope changes have not resulted.

Administrative Amendments are used in lieu of Formal FTIP Amendments, and as such, are not subject to State and Federal approval. The purpose of this letter is to notify Caltrans - District 10, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration that this Administrative Amendment has taken place.

If additional information is needed, please contact Terri Lewis at (209) 723-3153 ext. 307 or by e-mail terri@mcag.cog.ca.us.

Regards,



Jesse Brown
Executive Director

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Enclosure:

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Minute Order

Transit System

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3 EPA TABLE II or III EXEMPT CATEGORY:
Purchase new buses and rail cars to replace
exist.

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Comments: \$52,410 additional CMAQ funds to cover the cost increase per bus of \$14,800 due to CARB's Public Transit Fleet Rule emissions requirements.
***** Version 2 - 05/21/2003 *****
***** Version 1 - 07/01/2002 *****
converted (\$469,944) CMAQ funds with reprogrammed CMAQ funds(\$486,820) on this project.

MINUTE ORDER

MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

EXCERPT FROM MINUTES, MEETING HELD:

May 15, 2003

**RE: FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)
ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT #8 – PURCHASE (4) 35 PASSENGER
BUSES FOR UC MERCED SERVICE**

**Item 12f. Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Administrative
Amendment #8 – Purchase (4) 35 passenger buses for UC Merced
service**

Supervisor Crookham moved to approve Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Administrative Amendment #8 programming an additional \$52,410 of unreserved Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for a total project cost of \$1,141,299 (\$1,082,099 + \$59,200) to purchase (4) 35-passenger buses for the initial UC Merced transit service.

Seconded by Supervisor Cortez-Keene.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Jesse B. Brown, Executive Director
Merced County Association of Governments